

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1745.

TRUE STATE of the SMUGGLING, &c. of TEA, with an effectual METHOD for preventing it.

In the Year 1736, the Excise upon Tea brought in but 150000 l. Smuggling being then got to a great Height, the Legislature thought proper to pass an Act, by which a general Pardon was granted to all Smugglers, till the 1st of April, that Year; and it was also made Felony, for any Three Persons, together, to go armed within the Distance from the Sea-Shore.

As had so good an Effect, that, in the Year 1737, the Excise upon Tea produced — 1. 227000 the said Act having, since that Time, been faintly put in Execution, the Evil has been continually increasing, as the following Extract from the Excise-Books plainly shews; viz.

		lb.			l.
1738 } 1739 } 1740 } 1741 } 1742 } 1743 }	to that Day Twelvemonth	the Excise on 1097500 of Tea, yielded, —			219500
		Ditto — 959500 Ditto —			205200
		Do — 880700 Do —			176100
		Do — 836200 Do —			167200
		Do — 797200 Do —			159400
		Do — 708500 Do —			141700
(being only $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Year)		Do 464000	92800	Do	— 123800
Then allowing more*		155000	31000	Do	
1744		619000			

* Viz. for the succeeding Quarter, from Christmas to Lady-day.

Now, add the Custom of 14 per Cent. now paid on Tea ad Valorem, computed (on an Average) 4. per lb. on 619000 lb. makes — 17332

And Custom upon Tea, from Lady-day 1744, to Lady-day 1745. — 1. 141132

REMEDY proposed.

total yearly Consumption of Tea, in Great Britain, at a moderate Computation, is 1600000 lb. the Excise on which will probably be paid into the Revenue, if reduced from 4s. to 1s. 6d. will amount to — 120000

Custom on the said 1600000 lb. (if raised from 14 to 28 per Cent. and valued, on an Average, 8s. 6d. per lb.) will bring in — 89600

Total l. 209600

N.B. This additional Custom of 14 per Cent. ad Valorem, will fall heaviest upon the Fine Tea, and, consequently, ease the inferior Sorts.

It is believed, will effectually cure one of the greatest Evils a Nation ever laboured under. However, the Excise should be thought too much, it might be lowered to 1s. and still the Revenue would be 100000 l. per Annum.

Where Computation, is upon the supposed Consumption of 1600000 lb. annually; whereas the most in-Prison, in the Tea Trade, allow it to be above Two Millions of Pounds; in which Case the Revenue will be much the more increased.

Smuggling of Tea is attended with many other pernicious Consequences, such as the Running of great Quantities of Brandy, and our Wool to France: Not to mention, that, as we are now at War, this Practice gives our Enemy the best Opportunity of getting the earliest Intelligence from Hence; to the vast Detriment of the Trade of this Nation, and the great Hazard of our Navy.

Yesterday arriv'd a Mail from Holland.

Warsaw, March 6.

THE Senate have given Orders for taking Possession of the Starosty of Zips, vacant by the Death of the late Prince Lubomerski, in the Name of the Queen of Poland, Electress of Saxony, in order to render it a Part of her Jointure, which is fix'd at 200,000 Florins.

This Starosty is of very great Importance, because, besides Hamlets and Villages, it contains 13 good Towns, which are call'd the German Towns, because, probably, the original Inhabitants of the German Nation, since the People who live in them speak the German Language as their Mother Tongue.

February 28. The Army of Auxiliaries, as our Army now is, is fully recruited, and on the 1st of March, we are to march to join Count de Gages. We still maintain a Neutrality, and of many other Things, to give our Appearance to this Measure; the true Reason however is plainly this. If our Troops do not march into Spain, it will be simply impossible to keep them; and more especially the General Officers, who are under the Count de Gages, with proper Attention to his Orders, on which the Success of the ensuing Campaign will depend. It is believed that these Troops will reach the Army by the 1st of next Month; and with regard to their Operations, we have a Scheme talk'd of here which may be of great Importance. The Neapolitan and Spanish Forces are to attack the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, in order to force the Passage into the Dominions of the State of Genoa, without any Delay. The French however are to

protest against this Measure; and if it shall be found difficult or dangerous to execute it, the Plan of last Year is to be pursued, and his Catholic Majesty's forbearing the Conquest of that Duchy, is to be attributed entirely to the Interposition of the Most Christian King. Thus we are at all Events provided; for if we succeed, we shall want no Excuse; and, on the other Hand, if we should fail, we have a good Excuse ready.

Genoa, March 6. The Senate continues to take all imaginable Precautions for putting this City into a Posture of Defence, in case the English Fleet should actually return and endeavour to bombard it. It is with this View, that several Batteries have been rais'd, and particularly one on the Eminence of Carignano, which makes a formidable Appearance, and is extremely well supplied with Brass Cannon. The Spaniards are about to make another Attempt on the Marquisate of Maro; and as the King of Sardinia has actually march'd a Corps of Regular Troops on that Side, we expect very soon to hear something from thence of Importance.

Berlin, March 20. As long as his Majesty had any Hopes of making Peace on reasonable Terms, he was willing to remain wholly on the Defensive; but now it plainly appears, that there is no longer the least Hopes of coming to Terms. His Majesty before his Departure from hence, sent express Directions to the General Officers in his Army, to have every Thing in Readiness for opening the Campaign; so that we are simply persuaded, that on the Arrival of his Majesty, the Army will begin to act offensively in Upper Silesia; and very probably his Majesty may be able to penetrate into Moravia, before the Austrians are in a Condition to oppose him. In the mean time, the King has received the strongest Assurances from the Court of Versailles, that the utmost Efforts shall be this Year made in Germany; and that rather than not spare Troops for that Service, the Most Christian King will be content to act on the Defensive in Flanders.

Frankfort, March 21. Some French Officers that were here lately, having committed some Disorders, Complaint was made by our Magistrates to M. de la Noue, the French Minister here; who immediately answer'd, that it was not at all agreeable to M. Maillebois, that either Officer or Soldier of his Army should enter the City without a Passport; and that in case any of them who were furnish'd with Passports, behaved ill, it was his Excellency's Desire, that they should be sent to Prison; upon the first Notice of which, he would send a Guard to receive them, and punish them as they deserved. M. Maillebois having been informed, that the Troops of the Allies which were on this Side the Main, had repass'd that River, and were canton'd on the Right, he order'd several Detachments to take Possession of the following Places; viz. Wisbaden, Idstein, Cambrourg, Uffingen, and Friedberg. The Independent Companies plunder all the Country on the Left of the Lahne, from Wetzlar up to the Gates of Deitz. M. Maillebois is making the necessary Dispositions, in order to advance towards that River To-morrow. His Excellency having received Advice, that some of the Peasants of the Rhin-gaw had fired upon some French Soldiers as they march'd thro' that Country, immediately complain'd of this Insult to the Elector of Mentz, giving him to understand, at the same time, that he expected exemplary Satisfaction. His Serene Highness, before this, had caus'd 15 of the most culpable to be arrested; on which, M. Maillebois insists that a Part of them shall, at least, be immediately hang'd; and threatens, that if this Satisfaction be not given him, he will take such other Measures as to him shall seem reasonable. The Rains have been very heavy these two Days; but it is believed, that as soon as the Weather clears up, the French General will attempt, at least, to execute his Design of attacking the Allies.

Limbourg, March 21. The whole Army of the Allies is at present quarter'd along the Lahne, in such a Manner, that the Duke of Aremberg is not in the least Pain about the March of the French Army; but, on the other Hand, Provisions are excessively dear; so that it is simply impossible, that either Army should long remain in this Neighbourhood. The Head Quarters are removed to Hadamar. We wait only for the Munsterians, to put an End to the Gissonades of the French.

Dusseldorf, March 23. All the Troops of his Serene Highness, our Sovereign, are in Motion; and we expect every Moment an Order for their Marching. It is said, there is a Manifesto in the Press, in the Name of all the Princes contracting Parties in the late Treaty of Frankfort, which will be speedily published, in order to justify the Measures they have already taken, and such, as in the present Conjunction of Affairs, they may find themselves oblig'd to take. It is said, that his Serene Highness will shortly recall a Minister that was sent incognito to Vienna, in order to have renewed the late Treaty of Neutrality.

Hague, March 27. Their High Mightinesses have lately nam'd the General Officers that are to command under the Prince of Waldeck next Campaign in Flanders; viz. General of Foot, M. de Cronstrom; General of Horse, Baron Ginckle; Lieutenants-General of Foot, Messieurs de Swartenbourg, Vander Deyn, La Roquette, and d'Aylva; Lieutenants-General of Horse, Messieurs Koenders and the Prince of Hesse-Philippsthal; Majors-General of Foot, Messieurs de Brakel, de Luve, de Rumph, de Villattes, Veldman, Soure and Lindman; Majors-General of Horse, Messieurs de Schak, Sandoville, de Hompesch, and de Cannembourg; Brigadiers of Foot, Messieurs de Salis, Eversten, Halket, Sturler, the Count de Efferen, Elias and de Burmanis; Brigadiers of Horse, Messieurs Haeufft van Oyen, Schagen, de Slippenbach, and de Vrybergen. It is thought that Field-Marshal Count Konigsegg will set out the Beginning of next Week, in order to take upon him the Command of the Army of the Allies in Flanders. He has given great Satisfaction to every Body during the Time of his Stay in this Country; and we flatter ourselves, that the ensuing Campaign will be more advantageous to the Common Cause than the last.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, March 19. Arriv'd the Old Noll Privateer, Capt. James Powell, from a Cruise; and has brought in with him the Nantz, of and for Nantz, with 430 Hogheads, and 100 Turces of Sugar, five Tons of Indigo, and some Hides, from San Domingo; at which Place they had heard of the Hurricane at Jamaica.

Plymouth, March 19. Wind E. S. E. Remain the Outward-bound Ships.

Dartmouth, March 19. This Day sail'd the Ulysses, Haddon, for Gibraltar; the Thomas and Mary, Cornish,

for Figuera; the Madbury, Lawrence, for Falmouth; and the Phenix, Jutnam, for Newfoundland. The two former stand off and on of this Harbour, waiting for the Men of War and Outward-bound Ships from Torbay.

Weymouth, March 20. Wind S. E. Yesterday arrived here the Mary, Akier, from Guernsey, with Port Wine. The Master tells me, that the Norton Privateer of this Place brought into Guernsey on Sunday last, a French Martineau Ship, about 200 Tons Burden, laden with Sugar and Indigo.

Port, March 20. Wind E. S. E. Came in the Coronation, Robbins, for Jamaica.

Comes, March 20. Wind E. Yesterday failed the Greyhound Man of War, Capt. Dennis, the Serpent Bomb, Capt. Adams, and the Fly Sloop of War, Capt. Lloyd, all bound on a Cruise to the Westward, with the following Vessels under Convoy of the Greyhound; viz. the Anne Galley, Wigg, from London for Cork and Jamaica; the Endeavour, Jenkins, for Colerain; the Good Intent, Brown, the Rumsey, Whaley, and the Dove, Tuppen, for Dublin; the Montague, Ayres, the Victualling Transport, Dell, and the George and Anne, Hall, for Plymouth; the Cleve, Rice, and the Fly, Rickards, for Falmouth.

Portsmouth, March 20. Since my last came in the Bridgewater Man of War from a Cruise, the Lizard and Vulture Sloops of War, the Mary, Ashley, the Elizabeth, Naitell, and the Union, Lifty, all from Guernsey.

Deal, March 21. Wind S. Arrived a Dutch Man of War from the Westward, and remain with the Duke and King's Men of War, and the Swift Privateer.

Graveyard, March 22. Passed by the Saudades, Black-abe, and the St. George, Hart, from Lisbon.

Arrived,

At Ostend, the St. Michel, Wall, from Dublin.

At Philadelphia, the Mary, Martin, from London.

L O N D O N.

Her Imperial Majesty of Russia was pleas'd to bestow on his Excellency the Lord Tyravley, at his Audience of Leave, her own Picture set with Diamonds, to the Value of 6000 Rubies.

Some private Letters from Brussels assure us, that the M. Count de Saxe arrived on the 18th Inst. N. S. at Lille; and that immediately after his Arrival there, he gave Orders for the March of 15,000 Men towards the Moselle, for the Support of the Army of M. Maillebois.

They write from Paris, that the Spanish Court have desir'd that the Prince of Conti may command on the Side of Piedmont next Campaign; and it is said, that his Highness is preparing his Field Equipage, in order to set out by the Beginning of April.

The Queen of Hungary, Faulkner, from Philadelphia for London, is taken by a French Privateer, and carried into St. Malo's.

The Britannia, Griffith, from New York for London, is taken by a French Privateer, and carried into Bayonne.

A French Ship of 200 Tons, laden with Sugar and Indigo, is taken by the Diana Privateer, Capt. Richardson, and carried into Bermudas.

Yesterday Sir John Phillips, Bart. Member of Parliament for Carmarthen, resign'd his Post as one of the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations.

Charles Ewell, Esq; who died lately at his House in Russell-street, Bloomsbury, has by his Will left 500 l. towards building a Hall for the Reception of the Independent Electors of Westminster.

Yesterday died John Huggins, Esq; at his House in St. Martin's Lane, Westminster.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	02 19	02 36

Bank Stock, Nothing done. India, 181 1-half to 182. South Sea, 106 7-8ths to 107. Old Annuity, 110 1-4th to 3-4ths to 5-8ths. New ditto, 108 3-4ths to 109. Three per Cent. 88 1-half. Ditto 1743, 88 1-half. Ditto 1744, 88 1-half. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 84 1-half. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 1 l. 3 s. to 6 s. Bank Circulation, 3 l. 10 s. Salt Tallies, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 115. Equivalent, 110. Tickets, 10 l. 19 s. 6 d.

Admiralty-Office, March 22, 1744.

THE Leave of Absence given to the Petty-Officers and Foremastmen, late belonging to the Northumberland, being expired, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby strictly direct them to repair forthwith on board his Majesty's Ship the Yarmouth, sitting out at Deptford.

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